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TO: GENERAL HAIG
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

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2. Please make sure you have ~~some~~ concrete plans for political initiatives for special Paris Channel fully discussed with Bunker.